Meeting Minutes Conference Room Walt Sullivan Building, First Floor Conference Room Thursday, January 17, 2008 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monica Abbott, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Present were Barbara Bessey, Vice-Chair, Betty Huckins, Erin Ricci, Secretary, Betty Warren, Melody Scoble, Treasurer, Lindra Davies, Historian, Vicki Schiller-Long, Lenore Adams, Melanie Denning, Jan Traynor, Linda Brander, Linda Davis, Lynette Radonich, Billie Rusek, Cassie Egbert, Susan Ockert, Fran O'Hara, Sheree Isola, Mary Ann Dunwell and Pam Spore.

<u>Approval of Meeting Minutes</u>: Barbara Bessey moved for the approval of the December 2007 general meeting minutes, seconded by Betty Warren. The motion then passed unanimously.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Melody Scoble, Treasurer, provided a treasurer's report. The current checking account balance is \$498.27. The savings account balance is \$1,732.02.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon: Stephanie and Cathy with Big Brothers and Big Sisters came to speak to us about what their program has to offer. They are a prevention program and they have been in Helena for about forty years. They match screened adult volunteers with kids that are 6 to 14 years of age who are from single parent homes for one-on-one mentoring relationships. One program they have is the Community Program which is where adults hang out with kids outside of school for a few hours a week. They also have there School Mentoring Program where you can go to the elementary schools or middle schools and can eat lunch & go to recess. Cathi Huntley talked about The Bowl-A-Thon. To take part in the Bowl-a-thon you put teams together and pick one person to be the team leader. Each person on the team collects donations with the goal being \$100 per person. You pick which time you want to bowl and you will bowl for an hour an a half. Free Pizza from Pizza Hut and Free Pop from Pepsi will be provided along with businesses having lots of giveaways. The theme this year is Rock and Roll Bowl. All the money collected from Sponsors and individual pledges stay in Helena. Every person that raises \$100.00 dollars in pledges gets a T-Shirt. There will be a Karaoke Machine for people to get up and sing and win prizes. Betty Warren asked if it was tax deductible. She was told it was. Cathy said that she needs the registration forms to her as soon as possible. Slots are filling up quickly. She said that you can fax them to her. Erin asked if it would be kid friendly and if they had a daycare. They said that there

are lots of kids running around and that kids are welcome to come, but they don't have daycare provided. Stephanie and Cathi left informational packets for us.

<u>New Memebers</u>: Monica introduced the new members Fran O' Hara and Mary Ann Dunwell from DPHHS. The subcommittees were explained to them.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

ICCW Across Montana: Betty Warren reported that they are looking at different means that they can get the word out across the state. She is hoping that people in ICCW would use their contacts within their own agencies to help get the word out about training videos and maybe develop a network amongst themselves. The Friendship Center has contacted this subcommittee to mentor their clients. There is a confidentiality issue. So any mentoring done there would have to be confidential. There are still people interested in Mentoring at Florence Crittenton Homes, but contact has not been made with them as of yet. They are still working on the survey. Kathleen Ely was not in attendance so no report was given on that.

**ELA**: Lenore reported that they have one sponsor and she doesn't believe that they have heard from anyone else yet.

<u>Events</u>: Jan Traynor gave the report. She passed out events guidance and events worksheet. Jan said that if anyone had comments to email Barb Wagner. On the guidance list she wants it to benefit ICCW. Staggering Ox is where they have chosen to hold the Candidate Forum. It will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 –9:00 p.m. They are still working on a budget. Jan asked ICCW for input on questions to ask the candidates or suggestions. Jan reported that they are thinking the budget will be around \$250.00. Lenore made the motion to authorize Events Subcommittee to have a budget of \$250.00 and if they need more to come back to the Committee. Pam seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jan said that they would need a microphone. Erin said that she could get them one.

<u>WLB</u>: Cassie reported that they are continuing to work on the letter to the Governor. Linda Davis said that the members of the subcommittee will give their director's a copy of the letter and that they will only have the signatures of Colleen and Monica on the letter. They will have a page attached with the names of everyone on the subcommittee and a list of everyone in ICCW.

Other: Monica reported that subcommittee's need to turn in their monthly reports. Monica also asked if she could get a motion for ICCW to add training

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CD'S, 12 Secrets to Higher Self-Esteem. Erin made the motion and Pam seconded.

The committee broke into their subcommittees.

The general meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:** 

**Erin Ricci, Secretary**